Himachal Pradesh has filed a suit in Supreme Court of India in 1996, which, *inter-alia,* includes claims for higher share and free power from Bhakra-Beas Projects. The matter is *sub-judice.*

APDRP strategy

359. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) strategy of Government;

(b) whether this strategy has not achieved the desired results at this stage;

(c) whether there is any proposal to review this strategy;

(d) what steps Government propose to improve the power situation in the country; and

(e) the details of steps proposed to review the APDRP?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) With a view to reduce the transmission, distribution and commercial losses, the Ministry is implementing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). Funds are released as Additional Central Plan Assistance to State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/utilities for upgradation and strengthening of the sub-transmission and distribution system in the country with the objective of reducing Aggregate Technical and Commerical (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) have been signed with the States to commit them to carry out distribution reforms in a time bound manner.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. This programme has been launched only in 2001-2002. Evaluation of the programme will be taken up in due course.

(d) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. It is basically their responsibility to enhance the availability of power in the State to meet its power demand. Central Government have a complementary role in adding generation capacity. The following steps are being taken to improve the generation and availability of power in the country:

(i) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW has been targeted for 10th Five Year Plan consisting of 22,832 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 MW in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector.

(ii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in PLF of thermal units.

(iii) Creation of a robust National Grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transmission of power.

(iv) Launching of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes for sub-transmission and distribution systems under the APDRP.

(v) Comprehensive programme of extensive rural electrification.

(vi) Demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vii) Disbursement of loans with interest subsidy by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization of old and inefficient generating units.

(viii) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

(e) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (c) of the question.

Dhauliganga Phase-II Project

†360. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of Dhauli ganga Phase-II project by NHPC; and

(b) if so, by when the construction work of this project is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There is no proposal presently under consideration of the Government for construction of the Dhauliganga Phase-II Hydroelectric Project by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.